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Identical letters dated 6 January 2003 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the daily report on the activities of the inspection teams of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Iraq on 6 January 2003.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Report on the activities of the UNMOVIC and IAEA inspection teams in Iraq

Inspection activities on Monday, 6 January 2003

1. IAEA inspection team

A team of seven inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.30 a.m. and arrived at the Iraqi Atomic Energy Commission site at Tuwaythah at 8.55 a.m. Upon arriving, the team inspected the facilities housing the neutron generator, the trade department, physics department, laser research laboratories and the storage facility for liquid nitrogen. The main gates of the facilities were opened and the team made sure that no activity was being carried out that day, 6 January 2003, an official holiday in Iraq to commemorate the eighty-second anniversary of the establishment of the Iraqi army. The team photographed the main gates when closed and performed radiation surveys, using portable equipment, with a view to detecting any radioactivity in the roads surrounding the nuclear material storage plant. The team completed its mission at 10.45 a.m. and returned to the Canal Hotel at 11 a.m.

2. UNMOVIC inspection team (biological)

(a) One group, consisting of nine inspectors, left Canal Hotel at 8.30 a.m. At 9 a.m. it arrived at the Centre for Veterinary Drugs Research and Production belonging to the Ministry of Industry and Mining, 10 kilometres north of Baghdad. The group inquired about the Centre's organizational chart, senior officials, current activities, number of owners, number of employees with qualifications in higher education and the links between the Centre and other bodies. The group inspected the research and production facility and asked about its activities and the types of research being conducted. It examined tagged equipment with meticulous care, took samples from a culture containing bacteria and from a mixing container, and inspected a chemical storage plant. The group completed its mission at 11.15 a.m. and returned to the Canal Hotel at 11.35 a.m.

(b) A second group, consisting of 13 inspectors, left the Hotel at Basrah at 8.30 a.m., returning to Baghdad after having spent two days in Basrah inspecting six sites.

3. UNMOVIC joint inspection team (chemical, missiles, biological)

The team of eight inspectors left the Canal Hotel at 9 a.m. At 10 a.m. they arrived at the Specialized Maintenance Department of the Faw public company in the Sab' Abkar quarter of Baghdad. The team met the Assistant Director for maintenance and asked him about the Department's activities and clients. It then proceeded to inspect all facilities on the site. The team completed its mission at 11.45 a.m. and returned to the Canal Hotel at 12.10 p.m.

4. UNMOVIC joint inspection team at Mosul

The team of 15 inspectors left the Nineveh Palace Hotel at 9 a.m. At 9.40 a.m. it reached the Nineveh free trade zone, which falls under the Free Trading Zone Commission, 20 kilometres north of Mosul. The team met the zone's director and questioned him on the trade activities and merchandise connected with the free trade zone. They then inspected all the facilities on the site, including the computer. The team completed its mission at 12.55 p.m. and returned to the Nineveh Palace Hotel in Mosul.

5. UNMOVIC inspection team (missiles)

The team of eight inspectors left the Canal Hotel at 10.20 a.m. At 11 a.m. they arrived at the Al-Fateh missile display site in the Yussifiyah zone, 30 kilometres south of Baghdad, where they tagged the missiles. The team completed its mission at 12.30 p.m. and returned to the Canal Hotel at 1.10 p.m.

6. UNMOVIC inspection team (chemical)

The team of 13 inspectors left the Canal Hotel at 8.25 a.m. At 9.45 a.m. it arrived at the pesticide plant in the Saqlawiyah area, in Anbar governorate. This site, which belongs to the Tariq State Enterprise, a subsidiary of the Military Industrialization Corporation, had already been visited several times by inspection teams, most recently on 19 December 2002. The site, which had been subjected to monitoring, was bombed during the attack by the United States of America in December 1998. According to a report prepared by the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Mr. Tony Blair, in September 2002, the site was being used to produce chemical weapons. The team met the director of the plant and various specialists, and inquired about the plant's activities and clients. The team also took samples from a storage facility and from all the production units in the plant. The team completed its mission at 5.05 p.m. and returned to the Canal Hotel at 6.25 p.m.

7. Remarks

The inspection teams visited six sites today. The 60 inspectors participating in the inspection activities took samples and performed radiation surveys in some of the sites visited.